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the entire state and then after that each individual county that is involved here it has to go a vote there. If all of these entities do indeed vote yes, well, then I think that's the state and the counties sending us a very loud message we need to listen to. One of the other things I'd like to talk about that Fonner Park has created...has contributed to Grand Island in, you know, in lieu of everything else I've mentioned, they've supplied the land for all new soccer fields in that area of the city, for all new softball fields in that area of the city. And one of the biggest industries and tourist attractions in our city is the Grand Island Oasis waterpark. It's a very viable entity for children of Grand Island, and families alike. And it's all there and took place because of Fonner Park. We have them to thank for it along with our city council. And some of the senators also were reminiscing about their past. Well, I'm going to reminisce a little bit about my past when I was growing up, and Fonner Park was in, pardon the pun, it's hey day. I could remember going down South Locust and watching the buses come into town from Omaha. Bus after bus loaded with people to come to Fonner Park and enjoy a weekend. And they'd spend...sometimes spend the night in Grand Island--stay there for the entire weekend. And, again, the business community was very appreciative of that. And I think it's time that we stop watching the buses go east and out of our state. Let's try to get them back into the state, contributing to our economy. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in opposition to Senator Schrock's amendment and also to LR 6CA. I believe that we have a representative government in the United States. I believe that we are elected to represent the people. And sometimes that makes us make some difficult choices but I believe that this is the method that we have and we're proud of--that we have been elected, as I said, to represent our constituents. I wanted to read a definition of gambling. Gambling: a lust for sudden wealth that is not connected with the process of making society more productive of goods and services. Government's support of gambling gives legitimizing aspect to the pursuit of wealth without work. My